



St Peter's Junior C of E School

A place for all to flourish

Job Description for

PRIMARY TEACHING ASSISTANT

Grade 3 scp 5 – 7

Job Purpose:

To work under the instruction/guidance of teaching/senior staff to undertake work/care/support programmes, to enable access to learning for pupils and to assist the teacher in the management of pupils and the classroom. Work may be carried out in the classroom or outside the main teaching area, with direct support available from the teacher or senior member of staff.

Key Responsibilities

1. Supervising and providing particular support for pupils, including those with special needs, ensuring their safety and access to learning activities
2. Planning and providing practical assistance in relation to identified physical needs
3. Assisting with the development and implementation of Individual Education/Behaviour Plans and Personal Care programmes
4. Establishing a constructive relationship with pupils and interact with them according to individual needs
5. Promoting the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils
6. Encouraging pupils to interact with others and engage in activities led by the teacher
7. Setting challenging and demanding expectations and promote self-esteem and independence
8. Providing feedback to pupils in relation to progress and achievement under guidance of the teacher
9. Creating and maintaining a purposeful, orderly and supportive environment, in accordance with lesson plans and assist with the display of pupils' work
10. Using strategies, in liaison with the teacher, to support pupils to achieve learning goals
11. Assisting with the planning of learning activities
12. Monitoring pupils' responses to learning activities and accurately record achievements/progress as directed
13. Providing detailed and regular feedback to teachers on pupils' achievement, progress, barriers to learning etc.
14. Promoting good pupil behaviour, dealing promptly with conflict and incidents in line with established policy and encourage pupils to take responsibility for their own behaviour
15. Establishing constructive relationships with parents/carers
16. Supporting teaching staff in the carrying out of home visits
17. Administering routine tests and invigilating exams and undertake routine marking of pupils' work
18. Providing clerical/admin support e.g. photocopying, typing, filing, money, administer coursework etc

19. Assisting the teaching staff in the smooth transition between educational phases
20. Supporting pupils in their learning in all areas of the curriculum
21. Undertaking structured and agreed learning activities/teaching programmes, adjusting activities according to pupil responses
22. Undertaking programmes linked to local and national learning strategies e.g. literacy, numeracy, early years recording achievement and progress and feeding back to the teacher
23. Supporting the use of ICT in learning activities and developing pupils' competence and independence in its use
24. Supporting pupils and teacher during PE and other practical activities.
25. Preparing, maintaining and using equipment/resources required to meet the lesson plans/relevant learning activity and assisting pupils in their use
26. Assisting with the supervision of pupils at break times
27. Accompanying teaching staff and pupils on visits, trips and out of school activities as required and taking responsibility for a group under the supervision of the teacher

General Responsibilities

28. Being aware of and comply with school policy and procedures particularly in respect of Child Protection and Health and Safety
29. Being aware of and support difference and ensure all pupils have equal access to opportunities to learn and develop
30. Contributing to the overall ethos/work/aims of the school
31. Ensuring the safe organisation of learning activities and the physical teaching space and resources for which they have responsibility
32. Appreciating and supporting the role of other professionals
33. Attending relevant meetings as required
34. Participating in training and other learning activities and performance development as required
35. Being aware of confidential issues linked to home/pupil/teacher/school work and to keep confidences as appropriate
36. Any other curriculum duties which may reasonably be regarded as within the nature of the duties and responsibilities/grade of the post as defined, subject to the proviso that normally any changes of a permanent nature shall be incorporated into the job description in specific terms, following consultation with the Recognised Trade Unions
37. To promote and safeguard the welfare of children and young persons for whom you are responsible and with whom you come into contact with during the course of your duties and responsibilities. Your conduct must at all times be in accordance with the school's policies and procedures
38. To report any causes for concern relating to the welfare and safety of children to the designated person, and the head teacher, or if unavailable the designated safeguarding governor or a member of the senior leadership team
39. To attend safeguarding training as required by the school and maintain your knowledge and understanding of your responsibility for safeguarding children in this school

Person Specification – Teaching Assistant		
	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
EXPERIENCE		
Recent Teaching Assistant/ teaching experience in KS2 or KS1	X	
Experience of working with children with specific educational needs		X
EDUCATION AND TRAINING		
Good standards of English and Maths (GCSE grade C minimum)	X	
Academic qualifications at A-level standards (Grade C and above)		X
NVQ level 2 or 3 for Teaching Assistants or equivalent qualification or experience together with a working knowledge of National Curriculum and other relevant learning programmes/strategies.	X	
PERSONAL QUALITIES		
Enthusiasm and positive attitude	X	
A commitment to achieving high standards, setting high expectations for the children you work with	X	
Belief that all children, including those from disadvantaged backgrounds and with SEND, can and should achieve at least as well as their peers	X	
Appreciation of the many factors that may affect a pupil's wellbeing and their ability to flourish at school	X	
Creativity		X
Flexibility and willingness to adapt	X	
Willingness and desire to engage in professional development	X	
A sense of humour		X
ABILITIES AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS		
Ability to communicate clearly (written and verbal)	X	
Ability to devise suitable programmes for individual children	X	
Ability to complete paperwork for individuals or groups	X	
Ability to engage in an appraisal process	X	
Ability to be a team member and to work independently with a minimum amount of supervision	X	
Ability to foster effective relationships with pupils, staff, governors and parents	X	
Ability to be supportive to pupils, colleagues and parents	X	
Ability to follow instruction, advice and recommendations from senior leaders and external professionals	X	